

Funding for Transportation Division

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Dear Members of the Capital Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee:

My name is David Kroop and I live at 27 Osborne Road in Brookline.

I am writing to urge you to support a budget for the Transportation Division that includes adequate funding for safe streets and sustainable transportation. This should include funding to fill the Sustainable Transportation Engineer or Planner position that was called for in fall, 2019 Town Meeting Warrant Article 31, and funding for quick build materials that the Transportation Division can use to try of different road configurations.

The cost Brookline of not providing adequate Transportation Division funding is reflected in Brookline's traffic collision statistics--an average of 94 pedestrians and bicyclists hit by a motor car each year from 2016 - 2018, with an average of 37 resulting in injury). With this number of collisions, it is not surprising that a woman was killed late last year while crossing the street in a crosswalk.

The Town has delayed for too long in funding its safe streets and sustainable transportation policies. I hope this is the year that the Town will step up to get the Transportation Division the resources it needs to implement these policies.

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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